Pepsi Project

351. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pepsi Project originally envisaged processing of fruits and export of processed products;

(b) whether Pspsi want to pro cess nnre tomato rather than other fruits ;

(c) whether manufacture of potato chips is bsing allowed to this company;

(d) whether Pepsi now plan to get grain from Bangalore for processing rather than processing Punjab fruits as originally envisaged; and

(e) what is Government's decision regarding all these changes?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (e) M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limited have been granted a Letter of Intent for tne manufacture of processed potato/grain foods and also processed fruit/vegetable products and soft drink concentrate. There is no condition in the Letter of Intent relating to the type of fruits and their quantity in tne manufacture of processed fruit/vegetable products. Government has no information on whether Pepsi plan to get the grain from Bangalore for processing.

Exports of Cotton Yarn

352. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target of exports of cotton yarn achieved in the last three years, year-wise:

(b) what is the countrywise breakup of such exports;

(c) whether the quantity to be allowed for such exports have been reduced recently; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons tnerefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) There was no countrywise target for export of cotton yarn in the last three years.

(b) A statement is attached. *(See* below)

(c) and (d) During 1989 the export of cotton yarn in the count groups 1—60s was subject to a celling of 40 million Kgs. Count group above 60s were not subject to any restric tion. Exports by 100 % EOPUs and exports against Advance Licensing Scheme were also outside the ceiling. Export of cotton hank yarn in 1—60s count was not allowed. After careful consideration of all relevant factors, such as capacity, production, consumption, demand, prices, and the need to safeguard the interests of handloom sector, etc., the Govern ment have announced a long term cotton yarn export policy for 1990-92. In terms of this policy, exports of cotton yarn of all counts will be allowed within an annual ceiling of 40 million Kgs. Exports by 100% EDUs and exports against Advance Licensing Scheme continue to be outside the ceiling. In order to safe guard the interests of decentralised handloom sector, exports of hank yarn in count group is not allowed as in the past.